

REMARKS

Claims 7-14 are now pending in the application. Claims 7-14 have been allowed by Examiner as originally filed. As such, no amendments are made. Claims 1-6 and 15 are canceled. These claims are canceled to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicants respectfully disagree with Examiner that the claims are not sufficiently related enough that no extra burden would be placed upon the Examiner by maintaining all groups in a single application, but Applicants still cancel claims 1-6 and 15 in order to expedite the prosecution of the application. As such, with the cancellation of the non-elected claims 1-6 and 15, the case is now ready for issue.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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